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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE KINGDOM OF BHUTAN

IPF:(1992-96) - $27 920 000
(BHU/92/C01) - Primary Schools and Basic Health Units in Eastern Bhutan

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	22 December 1993
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	Government - (Ministry of Social Services) in cooperation with UNDP/OPS
Proposed UNCDF contribution:	$919 400 Source of funds: General Resources
Government cost sharing:	$502 000
UNDP contribution:	$155 000
UNICEF contribution:	$ 54 000

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Project background

Bhutan's Seventh Five-Year Plan (1992-1997) gives priority to a more regional balanced development. Given the mountainous character of the country and widely dispersed population, regional development depends critically on improvements of communications and access to basic social services.

To improve the human development status of Eastern Bhutan in the education and health sectors, and provide financial and technical support for the rehabilitation and construction of 14 primary schools and 15 Basic Health Units, the Government has requested UNCDF assistance under the present approval. The project is part of an overall area-based approach adopted by the UNCDF in 1992 for its programme in Bhutan where the development of the Eastern Zone, being the poorest , most densely populated area of the country, stands central.

Description of project

The development objective of the project is to expand coverage of the basic health services and primary schools in Eastern Bhutan by upgrading, rehabilitating or constructing 29 service facilities.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) construct 14 primary schools and 15 Basic Health Units (BHUs) in the Eastern Bhutanese Dzongkhags (Districts) of Lhuntshi, Mongar, Tashigang, Tashi Yangtse, Pemagastel, and Samdrup Jonkhar; and provide new or improved water supply systems, (solar) electricity, public health facilities and dormitories (for the schools); (b) develop and introduce affordable

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standard designs for these facilities taking into account environmental, climatic and maintenance considerations; (c) reinforce district-based capacities and capabilities for contracting contract supervision and preparation of final designs appropriate to the specific locale of the facility; and (d) introduce methods aimed at maximizing the involvement of the local population in the final site location and in the construction, operations and maintenance activities of the facilities.

Project activities will include: (a) conducting phases starting with the development of detailed standard designs; (b) initiating detailed site surveys and soil mechanic studies; (c) enabling participation of the local communities in specific sitings and design features; (d) providing support for district-based contracting and supervision by a temporary Project Management unit to be established in Tashigang (Eastern Bhutan); and (e) creating conditions for an increase in the primary enrolment ratio of children (aged 6 to 12 or above) from 57.8 percent in 1992 to 81 percent by 1997, and an extension of primary health care coverage to the population of East Bhutan.

Inputs

UNCDF will cover the costs of the rehabilitation/new construction of 14 primary schools and 15 basic health units; the architectural, engineering, surveys, and soil-mechanic studies necessary for the complete technical standard documentation of the Project; eight site supervisors; the procurement of the equipment and supplies necessary for the technical, management and supervision units and teams.

UNDP will provide a project manager and an account officer (for 30 work-months each); drafts persons, secretarial support; and five drivers (for 28 work-months each) to work in the six districts.

The Ministry of Health and Education will provide the funds for one national project director, the administrative and technical support staff, office accommodation in Tashigang and in the Dzongkhags for the different units in the Eastern Zone.

UNICEF will provide the drinking water scheme. The expenses for internal transport, storage, handling and distribution will be covered under the INICEF Rural Water Schemes and Sanitation Programme.

Financial data

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	UNCDF	UNDP	UNICEF
Mission costs	170 000	-	-
Technical assistance	143 000	155 000	-
Expendable equipment	90 000	-	-
Non-expendable equipment	5 000	-	-
Civil works	2 081 800	-	-
Materials for water schemes	-	-	54 000
Transportation	52 500	-	-
Contingencies	146 900	-	-
Programme Support	105 300	-	-
Agency overhead	34 800	-	-
Total	2 919 400	155 000	54 000

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